

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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News from the School Board

The School Board would like to say that we are very proud of Nottingham families, staff and administration for working together during these challenging times. Many thanks to our teachers who have been working hard to develop new strategies to support a hybrid model of instruction, to the paraprofessional team for their support of teachers and students, and to the administration for leading with kindness and wisdom. We are also grateful to all of the staff for working behind the scenes in the office keeping things running smoothly, the food service team for all their efforts delivering meals, the facilities team for increased building maintenance, and the tech team for preparing student computers and ensuring increased digital access and security.

As students return to school the emphasis will be on providing an excellent education in a safe environment. There will likely be challenges ahead for our school community but working together we will address them and persevere. The Board meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month and information is available on our Facebook page and on the school website. Please see the revamped Nottingham School website for the most current information. The School Board can be reached via email at schoolboard@nottingham.k12.nh.us and we welcome feedback and questions from the community.

Nottingham Women's Club

The Nottingham Women's Club is moving forward with our preparations for this year's Scarecrow Contest. Even a pandemic can't derail this popular Nottingham tradition! We've made some changes

this year to make it even easier for you to participate. We've launched our website which is at: <https://sites.google.com/view/nottinghamwomensclub> with full details on the contest. Think of it as your one stop shop for choosing and ordering the scarecrow(s) you want. Scarecrows will be posted online as they become available. Get them early as quantities are limited. We know that COVID-19 is causing real hardship in our community. As such, we are waiving the cost of scarecrows this year. If you'd like to make a donation to support our community efforts, we appreciate that. But please participate even if you can't donate. We know our town is full of talented and creative people. We can't wait to see the many inventive ways you'll display these scarecrows!



We are also sponsoring a mask drive for staff and students at the Nottingham School. Drop off location to be determined. Check our website for more details or email us at nottingham.womensclub@gmail.com. We meet virtually via Zoom the last Thursday of each month and we'd love to have you join us. You can also connect with us on [FacebookLive@nottinghamwomensclub](https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamwomensclub)

Blaisdell Memorial Library*Submitted by Liz Bolton blaisdellml@comcast.net*

The library would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we try to provide as much library service as possible during this 'new normal'.

**Children's Services:**

Starting in September, Ms. Jessie will be providing a monthly take-home craft kit – like the ones provided during summer reading to interested families. She will also be doing weekly LEGO challenges and the library will be happy to share our LEGO with those who need/want it via bagged kits available for 6-week increments so everyone can create with the same materials. We can then share their creations via Facebook for all to see.

Teen/Tween/Young Adult:

Mr. Dan will be reaching out to potential members of the Blaisdell Library Youth Group in October to gauge interest in a mix of take-home kit, virtual platform, and possible small-group station activities in the library on a limited basis. He is confident that we can use a variety of techniques to start and keep the group going as situations may change during the fall. Stay tuned for more information.

Adults:

We will be offering a monthly take-home adult craft kit starting in September so adults can have some of the fun the kids have been having this summer. New Hampshire libraries are offering Kits-to-Go again for

book groups. The only caveat is that the kit must be picked up at the home library. If your book group is interested, please contact Liz at 679-8484 or email blaisdellml@comcast.net for more information.

The New Hampshire State Library Interlibrary loan program is still not operating at present. They are looking to restart, but until a greater number of libraries is ready to participate, the system will remain shut down.

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. As the fall begins, we will continue to offer weekly services on Sundays on [Facebook Live@nottinghamcommunitychurch](https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamCommunityChurch) led by Interfaith Minister Craig Werth. We look forward to being able to resume in-person gatherings in our historic church building when it is safe for our community to do so.

Our monthly coffeehouse/open mic night is online on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 p.m. Email Craig Werth at revcraigwerth@gmail.com for information. Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com for more information and updates.



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the quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer”...**

Nottingham New Hope Church

34 Raymond Road (Route 156), Nottingham NH 03290
Pastor Ted White 285-3533: ted@newhopechurch.com
We are back celebrating services every Sunday at 10 a.m.
We are currently using state standards for opening our church.
Mask (if you would like) hand sanitizer and cleaning.
We are also using Zoom. If you are interested in attending services with Zoom, please contact Pastor Ted White or you can come see us on Facebook Live Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.
New Hope Church - fishers of men. Celebrate Recovery and Keen-agers are on hold till further notice.

*300 Years in the Making***Nottingham Tri-Centennial Cookbook***Submitted by Gwen Friend, Chair of the Cookbook Sub-Committee*

The cookbook is almost ready! Watch for notices toward the end of September that the book is printed and ready to be purchased! Look at the Town website, the Tri-Centennial Facebook page, and wherever you pick up Nottingham news.

Thanks to the many, many residents who submitted recipes, pictures, and other information, and thanks to

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the Cookbook Sub-Committee's hard work, we are almost ready to send the cookbook to the printers.

Thanks also to the Tri-Centennial Committee who led the effort, appointed a chair and a sub-committee, and supported the effort in every way.

The Cookbook includes favorite recipes provided by town residents, as well as a quick history of cooking in Nottingham, from Indigenous Beginnings through today.

Here's a sneak peek at our recipes - one that might lighten up a summer evening:

Tzatziki - Greek Cucumber Dip – Krista Brown

2 medium cucumbers peeled and shredded

2 C sour cream or whole milk yogurt

2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil

½ Tbsp white vinegar

Minced garlic to taste (I usually use 3-4)

Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all the ingredients. Taste will get stronger with time.

Serve with crusty bread or pita wedges.

You will enjoy this cookbook for many years to come!

**Nottingham Community Newsletter**

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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the November/December 2020 newsletter is October 1, 2020. Advertising size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

News articles (word document) and ads (jpg format) should be submitted via e-mail to adnottinghamnews@gmail.com.

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Old Family Photos

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

The Nottingham Historical Society is working on a photo history book for the 300th celebration using old postcards and photos. We would like to include a section of photos of Nottingham families, especially those from the 1890's to the 1950's.



If you have some pictures you would be willing to share for our publication, please scan them (300dpi or more) or let us know and we'll make copies of them. Along with the photo please identify who is in the photo, where it was taken and when and any comments you'd like to add.

Submitted photos may or may not be used, however by sharing the photos with the Historical Society, you are agreeing to release them for our use.

Please send your photos to PO Box 241, Nottingham, NH 03290 or nottinghamhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Smallpox Inoculations in Nottingham, 1776

Submitted by the Nottingham Historical Society

On October 14, 1776 the Town held a special meeting "to see if the Town will give permission to Capt. Henry Dearborn to inoculate[sic] his family and any other persons that may apply to be inoculated [sic] for the smallpox in some convenient place in this town." The motion was voted in the negative so Captain Dearborn's request to provide smallpox inoculations was denied.

The fear of smallpox was great during the Revolutionary War. During the fall and winter of 1775 there was a deadly outbreak of the disease in Boston. A large number of people who contracted the disease died (about 3 out of 10) or were blinded or severely disfigured. When the British left Boston in March 1776, only soldiers who had been inoculated were allowed in the city. However, there were also concerns about the inoculation process as people were infected with a milder but potentially lethal dose of the disease. About 2% of those inoculated died which was a much smaller number than those who caught the disease but still enough to make people wary. Also, once inoculated, people were contagious for a certain amount of time and thus could spread the disease. Some people chose to self-inoculate and others went to places where inoculations were permitted.

It is not known what path Captain Dearborn as a trained physician chose as the Town of Nottingham did not allow him to inoculate in town but as a soldier, he was acutely aware of the smallpox outbreak. George Washington wrestled with whether or not to inoculate the entire Continental Army finally deciding to in February 1777.

For more information on the smallpox during the Revolutionary War, check out this website: <https://www.armyheritage.org/75-information/soldier-stories/209-smallpox>.



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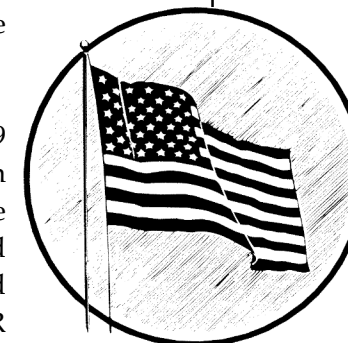
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Nottingham Republican Committee

Elections are right around the corner. Be prepared! If you need information or signs for your candidates be sure to get them online. All New Hampshire Republican candidates have their own Facebook page, Twitter Accounts and Websites. All you have to do to find the information is type in a candidate's name into any of those sites I know they are offering signs right now on Don Bolducs, Matt Maybury and Matt Mowers site and others. Let's make this town RED again. The voting dates are: State Primary, Tuesday September 8. The Presidential Election November 3. Be sure to get out and vote!


Due to the concerns for the COVID-19 virus any registered voter can request an absentee ballot from the town clerk. In the month of July, the committee held elections. Teresa Bascom elected Chairperson, Doug Cummings our PR man, Pat Desrosiers Secretary, and Jessica Belle the Treasurer. Our Committee meets September 10 at 7 p.m. at the Town Offices. Local as well as state and national issues are discussed in preparation for the upcoming elections. The next meeting will be on October 8. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Come and join us. We always have light refreshments. Come and meet other conservatives from Nottingham.



Nottingham Democrats

Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee

The Democratic Committee welcomes resident Democrats, Independents and Undecideds to join our monthly meetings, which continue to meet virtually every month. To register for an upcoming Zoom meeting, and receive the link to attend, contact us at: HRW-nottdems@comcast.net



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Upcoming meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday September 9, and Wednesday, October 14. Further information may be found on the Nottingham, NH Democrats Facebook page. VoteinNH.org helps ensure that we Granite Staters have timely and accurate information about voting. It's an easy and accessible way to check to see if you're registered to vote, how to obtain an absentee ballot and answer other questions you may have. Yes! You CAN vote by absentee ballot if you don't want to take the risk of being exposed to COVID-19 during

this Pandemic. www.nottingham-nh.gov takes you directly to our town's home page. On the left-hand side of the page, click the box that says: "Elections/Voting & Registration". This will take you to the page that gives you information about voting in Nottingham in person or by absentee ballot (you can apply for an absentee ballot by phone, mail or email).

On the left-hand side of this page, there is also a link to see the actual sample of our NH State Primary Ballot - Democratic. Check out the list of candidates. There is a record number of well qualified, community minded Democrats stepping up to run this year! Other links on this page will take you to "How to register to vote", as well as contact information for the Supervisors of the Checklist and our Town Clerk.

The New Hampshire Primary Elections will be held on September 8, 2020. In person voting takes place in the Nottingham Community Center (aka "Town Hall"), located at 139 Stage Road, from 7 - 7 p.m. (or by absentee ballot returned prior to the election)

And, of course, the National Elections follow on November 3, 2020. Use the resources listed above to prepare to vote like it was your duty as a U.S. Citizen. (It is!)

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Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

Congratulations go out to Tom Duffy of Nottingham! Tom is the winner of this year's raffle quilt, which was held in June. A huge THANK YOU to all who purchased tickets! Some of the proceeds from the raffle will help support Nottingham's 300th anniversary celebration.

The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Nottingham Community Center (outdoor meetings



are being held at this time). The guild is a small group of talented, creative quilters who love to get together and share our love of quilting. There is usually an informative program at each

meeting. We also hold an annual quilt raffle, a monthly Saturday sew at the Community Center, and an annual weekend retreat.

New members and guests are always welcome! Our annual dues are \$20. A part of the dues goes toward charitable donations such as local food pantries, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and summer camp scholarships for our local Recreation Departments. You need not be an experienced quilter or a resident of Nottingham to join. If you have any questions or would like more information about the guild, feel free to contact Pat Vachon at 603-679-8078.

Order Your Nottingham 300th Merchandise On-Line

Submitted by the Nottingham Tricentennial Committee

Thanks to the Recreation Department, the 300th merchandise can now be ordered on-line with a credit card. We have t-shirts, hats and ornaments. Once your order is received, we will make arrangements to get it to you. We will not be shipping merchandise at this time. Unfortunately, the ordering site does not support pictures so to see the merchandise, please visit the Nottingham Tri-Centennial Celebration Facebook page or the committee's webpage: <https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/tri-centennial-celebration-committee>. To order you will need to log in to the Recreation Portal using the Committee's account. You may use your own account if you already have one.

Here are the directions:

- Go to the town website: <https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/parks-recreation-department>
- On the left-hand side, there is a menu that has a tab labeled "Registration Portal", click there.
- Click "CLICK HERE" on next page at bottom
- On the upper left-hand side, you click Log in with Email. The email is Nottingham300th@gmail.com and the password is Nottingham300
- After you've done that you log in and click the "Point of Sale" tab.
- Choose your merchandise and put it in your cart.
- To check out enter your name, address and phone number.
- We will contact you to arrange delivery and/or pick up.

Thank you for your support!

The New Hampshire Arts Guild

Submitted by Priscilla Carr

The October NH Arts Guild Thirteenth Annual 2020 WORDFEST musical and literary mentorship showcase date is on hold because of COVID-19. Local cable and community email will post the show date. Meanwhile, The Guild continues production and calls for vocalist submissions of *You Have to Be Carefully Taught* from South Pacific. Video clip submissions to priscillaecarr@gmail.com

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services are only for Nottingham residents. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment, please. Call 603-679-5209. All calls are confidential.



Nottingham Blankets For Sale (Deadline September 30)

Submitted by the Nottingham Tricentennial Committee

This blanket was designed and sold for the 275th celebration. The committee has permission to use this design to have more blankets made if there is interest. The blankets are 100% cotton and made in the USA by Mill Creek Design. The cost will be \$50, and all orders

must be prepaid. This is a one-time order and the deadline for getting on the list is September 30. Please do not send money yet. If you are interested, just email the committee at: Nottingham300th@gmail.com or call 942-8539 and we will let you know when we are ready to make the order.



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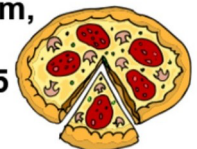


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